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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A clear, crosslinked, polymeric gel composition comprising the reaction product of a microemulsion containing:

(a) from 1-70 wt.% of an anhydride functionalized polymer;

(b) from 0.1-40 wt.% of a cross-linking agent;

(c) from 0.01-50% wt.% surfactant;

(d) from 0.01-30 wt.% water; and

(e) from 10-95 wt.% of a hydrophobic liquid, based on the total weight of the polymeric gel composition;

wherein said composition is substantially clear.

2. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the anhydride functionalized polymer is present in an amount from 1-40 wt.%, the cross-linking agent is present in an amount from 0.1-20 wt.%, the surfactant is present in an amount from 0.1-20 wt.%, and the water is present in an amount from 0.1-10 wt.%.

3. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the anhydride functionalized polymer is present in an amount from 10-25 wt.%, the cross-linking agent is present in an amount from 0.5-5 wt.%, the surfactant is present in an amount from 0.5-10 wt.%, and the water is present in an amount from 0.1-5 wt.%.

4. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the combined proportion of (d) and (e) equals at least 30 wt.%, based on the total weight of the polymeric gel composition.

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5. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the anhydride functionalized polymer is a maleinized polybutadiene polymer, a maleinized polyisoprene polymer, a maleinized polybutadiene/styrene polymer or a mixture thereof.

6. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the cross-linking agent is water soluble

7. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the cross-linking agent is a polyamine compound.

8. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the surfactant is an anionic or a nonionic surfactant.

9-11. (canceled)

12. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the microemulsion further comprises a water soluble colorant, a water soluble dye, a water soluble pH color indicator or a water soluble pigment.

13. (original) The polymeric gel composition of claim 1 wherein the microemulsion further comprises a water soluble fragrance or flavor material.

14. (currently amended) A clear, crosslinked, polymeric gel composition comprising the reaction product of a microemulsion containing:

(a) from 1-40 wt.% of an anhydride functionalized polymer selected from maleinized polybutadiene polymers, maleinized polyisoprene polymers, maleinized polybutadiene/styrene polymers or mixtures thereof;

(b) from 0.1-20 wt.% of a polyamine cross-linking agent;

(c) from 0.1-20% wt.% anionic or cationic surfactant;

(d) from 0.1-10 wt.% water; and

(e) from 10-95 wt.% of a hydrophobic liquid perfume, a hydrophobic liquid insecticide or a hydrophobic liquid insect repellent, based on the total weight of the polymeric gel composition,

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with the combined proportion of (d) and (e) equaling at least 30 wt.%, based on the total weight of the polymeric gel composition.

15. (canceled)

16. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the anhydride functionalized polymer is present in an amount from 10-25 wt.%, the cross-linking agent is present in an amount from 0.5-5 wt.%, the surfactant is present in an amount from 0.5-10 wt.%, and the water is present in an amount from 0.1-5 wt.%.

17-34. (canceled)